

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2006**

At 6:10 p.m. Temporary Chair Deborah Gordon called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Members Attending: Deborah Gordon, Marc Hershman, and Irene O'Connell.

Staff/ Guests Attending: Rosalie O'Mahony (C/CAG Member - City of Burlingame), Tom Kasten (C/CAG Member from Hillsborough), Ross Nakasone (County Legislative Office), David Burruto (Speaker Pro Tem Leland Yee's Office), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), Brian Moura (Assistant City Manager – San Carlos), Geoff Kline and Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff), Jessica Sanfill (Assemblyman Mullin's Office), Jill Boone (County Public Works), Sara Rosendahl (Senator Simitian's Office, and Wes Lujan – by conference call (Advocation).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

- None.

2. Selection of a temporary Chair for this meeting.

*Motion: To elect Deborah Gordon as the temporary chair for this meeting.
O'Connell/Hershman, unanimous.*

3. Minutes of the meeting of August 11, 2005.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. Hershman/O'Connell, unanimous.

4. Update from C/CAG's Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Wes Lujan reported:

- a) The budget was the main item from last year's legislative session. There is general consensus that overall it was favorable to local governments – included repayment of some Proposition 42 funds, no raids on local government funds due to the protections under Proposition 1A. Speaker Nunez has indicated that the Assembly will likely want to add in some programs that the Governor cut – i.e. Calworks.
- b) There is general excitement and energy around the Governor's proposal for infrastructure. Those who are more cautious are waiting for the details, especially to see how the State can afford such a large added debt.
- c) Some of the more liberal members of the legislature have indicated that they may not be willing to give the Governor anything that might help him in his bid for reelection.

- d) Some in the leadership of the legislature are predicting that the window of opportunity for agreement on a bond package will be early in the new session and that if it drags on for too long, its likely passage will be diminished.
- e) The process for negotiating the bond will likely be through a Conference Committee.
- f) C/CAG staff and Advocacy are working closely with Caltrans staff and our local Legislative Delegation to ensure that San Mateo County receives a fair share of any bond proceeds.
- g) The deadline for placing a bond on the ballot for the June 06 primary election has been extended to March 10th. Most predictions are that the bond will not be ready until the November 06 election. Many legislators who may be termed out of office would like to see the bond happen earlier while they are still serving.
- h) There are a number of interest groups who are complaining that there is nothing in the bond for affordable housing and high-speed rail. Also there were inadequate funds provided for other transit programs.
- i) It appears that the list of transportation projects that were outlined by Caltrans came from Caltrans staff without input from others.
- j) MTC has indicated its preference for a bond package similar to the one proposed by Senator Perata. The funding for transportation is designated by categories and not by individual projects.
- k) Most of the bills relating to eminent domain have been tabled for now until the issue of the bond is resolved. There will likely be more interest in this topic later on.
- l) SB 843 – This is an extreme punitive measure by Senator Dunn to enforce housing requirements. It appears that the Committee Chair, Senator Lowenthal, is not prepared to take this approach, and favors incentives.
- m) AB 438 – Sexual predator legislator legislation. Most of these bills have been tabled. Some of the legislators are trying to keep these ex-offenders from being located in the rural area.
- n) There is no recent news on the pending report on the Hetch-Hetchy Valley restoration proposal.

5. Discussion and potential action on various bills.

- a) SB 843 (Dunn) – Penalties for failing to comply with the State Housing and Community Development's housing element standards.

Motion: To oppose SB 843. O'Connell/Hershman, unanimous.

- b) AB 438 (Parra) – Information on registered sex offenders. It appears that this bill may be stalled. It also contained a number of provisions that are subject to numerous interpretations. Another bill, SB 588, may become the new vehicle for addressing the concerns over the provision of information about sex offenders and their place of residence. SB 588 will be brought back to the Committee for review and possible referral to the individual cities for consideration. [Note: SB 588 subsequently failed in Committee and is now considered dead.]

- c) AB 315 (Hancock) – Energy efficiency standards for school facilities. Jill Boone provided a presentation on this bill.

*Motion: To support AB 315 and to encourage the legislature to extend these standards to all public buildings and encourage adding solar energy.
O'Connell/Hershman, unanimous.*

6. Comments from representatives from Legislators.

David Burruto (Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Leland Yee's Office), Sara Rosendahl (Senator Simitian's Office), and Jessica Sanfill (Assemblyman Mullin's Office) were introduced.

7. Establish date and time for next meeting (March 9, 2006).

The next meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006

8. Other items/Comments from Guests.

None.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.